

What We've Accomplished Together



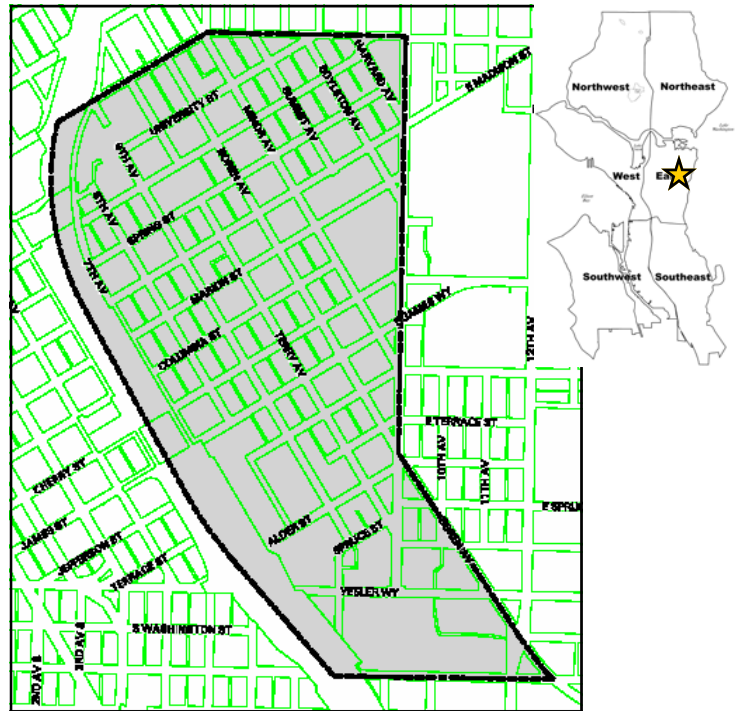
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor
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Neighborhood: First Hill Urban Center

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Locate new Yesler Community Center on First Hill
2. Work with Parks Department to locate a park or P-Patch garden on First Hill.
3. Improvements to First Hill Park



First Hill Urban Center
East Sector

What happened in 2002

- **First Hill Park** - 2002 saw the completion of the long-awaited face-lift for what is currently First Hill's only park. Improvements include tree removal to improve air and light circulation (to arrest the spread of a tree killing disease that has taken hold in the park), and new park furniture and pavers, with lighting upgrades to follow.
- **A new First Hill park**—Funding to purchase a vacant parcel at the corner of Terry Ave. and Cherry St. was included in the Pro Parks Levy. Parks and Recreation has contacted the property owners but they have not agreed to sell their properties. In 2002, Parks began to research other parcels in the area to see whether they can identify an alternative site that might meet neighborhood needs.
- **New Yesler Community Center** - Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) provided a site for a new community center so that the Yesler Terrace community could have both a new community center and replacement of housing that would be demolished in building the new facility. In mid-2002 the City's project design team reviewed three options for the new facility with the community. These included housing over the community center; housing next to the community center; putting the housing at another location. The community and project design team concluded that the two projects should be separate. SHA will no longer seek to combine the housing project with the community center. For further information, refer to the web site related to this project - http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/centers/current/Yesler_Community_Center.htm
- **Seneca Street Crosswalk** - A curb bulb and marked crosswalk was installed on the SW corner of Seneca & Summit Avenue. This is a crossing used daily by students at the Northwest School to get to their off site lunchroom facility. The project is a neighborhood priority and included in First Hill Neighborhood Plan.

What's Upcoming In 2003

- Design for the new Yesler Terrace community center preferred option presented to the community in February.
- Lighting upgrades implemented in First Hill Park.
- Work continues on siting new park under Pro Parks funding.
- Community website and newsletter launched. The newsletter provides updates on neighborhood plan implementation, and the first issue went out to all residents and businesses in January. A new website keeps people up to date: <http://www.firsthill.org>
- Parking Survey beginning in February.
- Harborview Replacement Housing search continues.



First Hill Park

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